

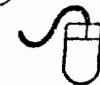


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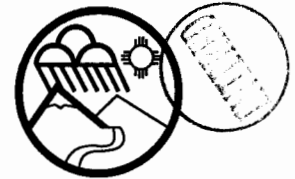
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January 5, 2006

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**Subject: EXTENSION REQUEST
APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2005
BIOVENTING MONITORING PLAN (REVISED) RIVER TERRACE
VOLUNTARY CORRECTIVE MEASURES
GIANT REFINING COMPANY, BLOOMFIELD REFINERY
EPA ID NO.: NMD089416416
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Dear Messrs. Schmaltz and Riege:

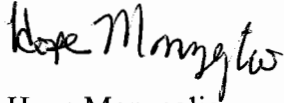
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of Giant's December 12, 2005 letter requesting a 15 day extension to the December 31, 2005 bioventing start-up date. In addition, the letter also requested the use of the August 2005 groundwater samples collected from the river terrace wells to be used as the pre-dewatering organic samples.

NMED hereby approves the 15 day extension request for the bioventing system start-up and use of the August 2005 groundwater samples. However, if the bioventing system start-up does not occur on or before January 16, 2006, then Giant must collect and analyze groundwater samples in accordance with comment number one of NMED's letter dated November 23, 2005.

Messrs. Schmaltz and Riege
Giant Refining Company Bloomfield
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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 505-428-2545.

Sincerely,



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